MAJOR MILESTONES IN 2001-03 BUDGET PROCESS

June-August Budget Development	 State agencies complete internal discussions to produce their 2003-05 biennial budget requests. This is for the budget period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005. This process includes policy discussions (enhancements, increases and reductions). At this time, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) instructions have focused on the activity inventory as a means for agencies to discuss the relative priority of state functions. Although the economic outlook points to a significant General Fund state revenue shortfall (over \$1 billion), it is unclear at this time how OFM intends to use the activity inventory information to begin discussions with agencies as they work to produce the Governor's budget and address the shortfall. Additional information may be available in mid-June to indicate whether or not reduction proposals will be required.
September 6	State agency submission of their 2003-2005 budget requests to OFM
Week of December 16-20, 2002	Governor's proposed 2003-2005 budget is released
January-May	Legislative session. One product of the legislative session will be the 2003-05 biennial budget
July 1, 2003	The 2003-2005 biennium begins.